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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 9/14/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The applicant elected to prosecute the invention corresponding to group I and Species A, but failed to elect a subspecies. The last restriction requirement is outline below as it was in the action mailed on 7/18/05.

Election from the following subspecies is required:

Species C wherein the pinion rotates 360 degrees as the lance holder moves from a cocked position to a fixed position back to the cocked position

Species D wherein the pinion only rotates 180 degrees as the lance holder moves from a cocked position to the fixed position

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher D. Prone whose telephone number is (571) 272-6085. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Through Fri 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on (571) 272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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